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HOUSE RESOLUTION 4

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A RESOLUTION

PROPOSING A HOUSE RULE TO LIMIT STATE AGENCY TESTIMONY BEFORE A
STANDING COMMITTEE TO TECHNICAL EXPERTISE.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

WHEREAS, the rules of the house of representatives may be
amended by a two-thirds' vote of the members of the house or by
a majority vote of the members of the house upon the
recommendation of the rules and order of business committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that House Rule 9-10
be amended to read:

"9-10 The principal duties of the [~~chairman~~] chair of
a committee are:

- (a) to call the committee together at
such reasonable times and places as to enable

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1 the committee to properly perform its
2 functions. All committee members will be
3 notified of committee meetings;

4 (b) to preside over meetings of the
5 committee, maintain order and decide all
6 questions of order subject to appeal to a
7 majority of the appointed committee;

8 (c) to allow expert testimony from state
9 agency staff; provided, however, that the chair
10 shall not allow testimony from state agency
11 staff that urges or opposes legislation;

12 [~~e~~] (d) to supervise and direct the
13 clerical and other employees of the committee
14 helping with the preparation of reports to
15 submit to the committee and to require the
16 committee to keep a record of the attendance of
17 committee members at all committee meetings and
18 to file such attendance record with the chief
19 clerk on Friday of each week. Such record
20 shall be a public record;

21 [~~d~~] (e) to have custody of all papers
22 referred to the committee and to transmit them
23 to the chief clerk when the committee is
24 through with them and endorse on each document
25 what action has been taken on it, if any;

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~~(e)~~ (f) to see that bills are discussed in order as they are referred to the committee, except when another order of business is agreed upon by a majority of the appointed committee;

~~(f)~~ (g) to arrange in cooperation with the coordinator for joint hearings with a similar committee of the senate upon arrival of the committee members and the proper senate committee; and

~~(g)~~ (h) in the absence of the sponsor of a measure, be prepared, or designate a committee member to be prepared, to explain the bill to the house."